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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 27, 2005 (Paper No. 20050616). In the Reply, the claims are listed in section (a). Amendments to drawings are presented in section (b). Reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in section (c).

A one-month extension is requested for this response.

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